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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of December 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Make of record the accompanying copies of the references requested by the Examiner in the Official Action.

The client advises that the article Small, H. Ion Chromatography, Plenum Press; New York, 1989, 27, 1734-1742 has been omitted as it is a general reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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